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**From:** Tzhone, Stephen  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:27 AM  
**To:** Meyer, John; Sanchez, Carlos  
**Subject:** status on Curt Grisham's inquiry concerning Arkansas WQS standards

Hi John, following yesterday's call from Curt Grisham, you requested followup with 6WQ on his inquiry regarding the Arkansas WQS standards. 6WQ is working on it with 6RC and it appears to be a more complicated issue (see below). Russell is currently point for future communications on this issue and will update us if that changes.

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**From:** Tzhone, Stephen  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** Nelson, Russell  
**Subject:** Re: Email from Curt Grisham concerning Arkansas WQS standards

ok, thanks for the update, we were not aware of the back-story on this issue. I'll update my managers.

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**From:** Nelson, Russell  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** Tzhone, Stephen  
**Subject:** RE: Email from Curt Grisham concerning Arkansas WQS standards

If he wants to talk to somebody, I would normally say he's welcome to call me. We haven't acted on the submission as required within our statutory/regulatory time frame but there's a long back-story that cannot be discussed outside the agency. I can't say this for sure, but I would expect that both the WDD and ORC would want any communication on this one to go through 6EX. I'll check and see. If I can talk to him I would be glad to.

Otherwise, once we finalize our action, it isn't made public until we send the state/tribe an action letter signed by the WDD, and include a technical support document. We do not discuss our conclusions or anticipated actions pursuant to §303(c) on state/tribal standards submission with any outside entity with any revision, not just this one. Those outside entities typically include the state/tribe as well. Although we may talk with them about certain issues or request additional information prior to a final decision.

*Russell*

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**From:** Tzhone, Stephen  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:43 AM



**To:** Nelson, Russell  
**Subject:** Fw: Email from Curt Grisham concerning Arkansas WQS standards

ok, thanks.

BTW, who is the planned point of contact to discuss the Arkansas WQS conclusions with Curt?

Will it be 6WQ, 6RC, 6SF, or jointly? Curt has been contacting us, but we're not sure what to say, and if he asks again, we would like to give him a point of contact on this issue to let him know EPA's working on it.

\*note: part of his inquiry also had this in bold "**Submitted to EPA for Approval March 14, 2014 - Currently under EPA review**". Will there be info on this as well?

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**From:** Nelson, Russell  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:** Tzhone, Stephen  
**Subject:** Email from Curt Grisham concerning Arkansas WQS standards

Steve,

I've only received the following response. If I don't hear back soon, I will contact them again. ORC is aware of the issue, and once I get a response from ADEQ, I will forward that to them as well as you. Hopefully, I'll hear back soon. I may give my Sarah Clem a call as well.

*Russell*

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**From:** Benenati, Katherine [<mailto:Benenati@adeq.state.ar.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:18 PM  
**To:** Nelson, Russell; Szenher, Doug  
**Cc:** Clem, Sarah; Carpenter, Ellen  
**Subject:** RE: E-mail from POA Main Webpage

Mr. Nelson,  
We will get back to you with more information. I wanted to let you know that we received your inquiry.

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**From:** Nelson, Russell [<mailto:nelson.russell@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:13 PM

**To:** Szenher, Doug  
**Cc:** Clem, Sarah; Carpenter, Ellen; Benenati, Katherine  
**Subject:** E-mail from POA Main Webpage

Doug,

I am contacting you in regard to a email EPA Region 6 received from Charles Grisham regarding the recent 2013 revision of Regulation 2.

It is my understanding that the Mr. Grisham is or is one of the owners of a property on which a superfund site is located in Omaha, AR. The site integrates Arkansas WQS standards as part of the ground water remedy. Mr. Grisham expressed the concern that although he attended a meeting on April 11, 2011 with ADEQ staff regarding this issue and is a known stakeholder to ADEQ management and staff, that he may have been intentionally excluded from notice related to the water quality standards review and revision process.

I would appreciate it if ADEQ could provide details on the public notice(s) related to the 2013 revision of Regulation 2 consistent with 40 CFR 25, and any additional state requirements that would provide assurance that Mr. Grisham had access to reasonable public notice or direct notice.

On a separate but related issue, I would appreciate it if you confirm me as a contact on all notices and submissions related to state's water quality standards issues related to Regulation 2 for the time being.

Thank you!

*Russell*

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